

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

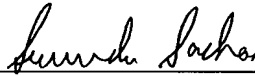
Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

The present preliminary amendment is submitted to cancel the multiple dependencies in the original claims. The subject matter of the canceled multiple dependency in claim 22 is also now set forth in new dependent claim 29.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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